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RESPONSE TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION

AND AMENDMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Requirement for Restriction mailed March 18, 2008, Applicants elect, without traverse, Group I: Claims 1-15 drawn to compounds and compositions with a pyridyl-piperidinyl-pyridyl core where in formula 1 of claim 1, ℓ is 1; m is O; x is NR_4 ; R_4 is phenyl; $\text{W}^1=\text{W}^2=\text{N}$, shown as structure I figure 1, and elect as species 4-[N-(4-methoxyphenyl)-N-[[5-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)pyridin-3-yl]methyl]amino]-1-[[2-(3,4,5-trimethoxyphenyl)pyridine-4-yl]methyl]piperidine or a salt thereof or a solvate thereof. This compound is shown in Preparation Example 13 on page 52 of the application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 15 of this paper.